



Master the Walk

Citywide Trails and **D.O.G.S**

DOG OWNER GUIDANCE & SAFETY

Enjoying Carlsbad's natural beauty

Living adjacent to lagoons, rolling hills and miles of walking trails gives residents a break from their daily routines and attracts visitors year round to Carlsbad.

It takes a partnership with the community to responsibly manage the unique and valuable natural resources we've been blessed with as a coastal community.

Protect the environment

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Pet waste is a health risk to pets and people and is full of bacteria that can make pets and people sick. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas is flushed into the nearest waterway every time it rains and ends up in our creeks, lagoons and oceans — the same places we swim, surf, fish and have fun.

How you can help

- ✦ While out walking or hiking it's important to always have your dog on a sturdy leash. Leashes protect dogs from becoming lost and from wilderness hazards such as rattlesnakes or rabid animals.
- ✦ Keeping your dog on a leash isn't just good practice — it's the law. According to the city's municipal code, all pets must be on a hand-held leash under 6-ft long. (CMC Sec. 7.08.010, SDCC Sec. 62.669).
- ✦ A leashed dog is much easier to control. Unleashed dogs could intimidate other people and their dogs.
- ✦ Maintain vigilance and stay on open paths or trails where snakes can more easily be seen. Humans and loose dogs are in danger of being bitten if a dog disturbs a snake. Unleashed dogs may also injure and sometimes kill, wildlife.
- ✦ Carry a plastic bag when walking pets and be sure to pick up after them. (CMC 7.08.010, SDCC 62.670). Most trails offer pet waste stations with disposable bags and trash receptacles. Please use them.
- ✦ Never toss pet waste into the bushes, street or gutter.

By minding these guidelines everyone who visits Carlsbad's trails and preserves feels safe, including Fido.

For more information on Carlsbad trails, visit the city's website:
www.carlsbadca.gov